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## DOES GERMANY ADMIT DEFEAT?

The German government has passed a bill providing for disarmament under the provisions of the Versailles treaty, the first official recognition of the fact that Germany is no longer a sovereign power. The action of the allies in further negotiating German territory has apparently brought the Reichstag to the point where it is thought will be a final decision with the signing of the treaty.

Germany has been a military nation for many years, the training of soldiers has been accepted by the people as a part of their national life. To be informed that the peace treaty forbids military training should have the effect of surprising upon the German people the extent of their failure to win the war. France has insistently demanded that Germany be required to meet all the conditions of the Versailles treaty regarding disarmament, and a prominent Frenchman recently made the charge that Germany was secretly making rapid-fire guns and other weapons of offense, in violation of the treaty. It will be easy to see a military nation like Germany to give up offensive preparations, however, and something more than the action of the Reichstag may be required to impress the people with the fact that they are no longer a dominant nation.

The hope of peace in Europe is also based on the willingness of other nations to emulate the condition imposed on Germany by the treaty. If Germany acts in good faith and shows peaceful intentions, there is no reason why other nations should not relieve themselves of the burden of great military establishments.

## THE DEATH PENALTY

The measure which was passed recently by the state legislature and signed by Governor Boyle provides for the use of poison gas in the execution of persons convicted of capital crimes. The method was proposed as a substitute for hanging or being shot, a choice of which has until now been given condemned persons.

The action of the Nevada government revives discussion of the merits and demerits of capital punishment. Opponents of the death penalty insist that the fewer number of capital executions indicates that juries are becoming convinced that executions do not accomplish the purpose for which they are intended. The legislature of Michigan has refused by an overwhelming vote to approve the proposal to restore capital punishment in that state, and abolition of the death penalty is being considered in New Jersey. Prison and police officials of New York city declare that the death penalty has failed to reduce crime.

It is imposition of the death penalty against which the public is reacting as indicated by the attitude of so many juries there would seem to be nothing gained by a change of method, such as proposed by Nevada. The world war has placed such small value upon human life that even criminals themselves are less impressed by the threat of the death chair than formerly. The mere shuffling out of a life in legal satisfaction of crime, is futile unless it prevents similar crimes by others.

## A CHURCH FOR ANIMALS

When you argue about religion the chances are you will make somebody sore. But Royal Dixon, who has just organized the First Church for Animal Rights, runs no such risk. It doesn't much matter whether a man believes in the Pentateuch or the Apocalypse, if he is the sort of person who pets every dog he sees on the street, and who refrains from kicking the cat outdoors, he is all right. That doesn't mean he is necessarily honest, or that he won't be or steal, but it does mean that in his heart he is kind. He may cheat you in a business deal as quickly as a lot of other folks, but he isn't very likely to foreclose a mortgage on a widow's home.

The Church for Animal Rights was sponsored at its inception by a large number of literary and stage people, notable among them Mrs. Minnie Maddern Piske, whose solicitude for dumb animals is known throughout the country. Its chief tenet of belief appears to be that animals have

something spiritual in their make-up, and here, of course, there will be a sharp and instant divergence of opinion.

Thus part of it doesn't matter so much. Most of us will probably never join the Church for Animal Rights. But there is none of us who cannot believe in kindly treatment of beasts of every kind. They are beings set down on this world for a purpose, and most of them serve human ends in some form or other, from the cows and pigs which we eat to the dogs which protect us in a utilitarian sense, yet at each themselves to our affection in a remarkable way.

There was an old philosopher once who believed that every child should be brought up with a dog as a companion. The dog will teach the child a thousand lessons in the virtues commonly thought of as purely human.

## NOVEMBER 11, 1921.

President Harding has fixed on November 11 next, the anniversary of armistice day, as the occasion for the ceremonies connected with the burial of the unknown American soldier at the Arlington national cemetery. This man will represent not merely the 1600 American soldiers who have not been identified, but all the 33,882 who gave their lives in the great war overseas.

With the president as chief mourner, and every branch of the public life of the nation represented, there can be no doubt that the ceremony

will be the most impressive—no matter how simple they may be—that ever took place on that spot. For though there are over 2000 unidentified soldiers of the Civil war sleeping in the big burial ground, these are no symbols. On the other hand, the solitary figure will be conspicuous as a symbol and a reminder.

## OBSERVATIONS

The days are getting longer, but the months are just as short to the writer.

The man who jokes at the law is one who tries to put the "man" in punishment.

The man who does an honest day's work is usually too tired to play the crook at night.

The spring renovating season is here, and there may be a little trouble with the complexion.

It will take more than a reduction in the price of clothes to keep them in the store.

The man who lets somebody else do his thinking for him is usually made to display of his own talking.

Who can remember the time when a watch was served as a reasonably good substitute for an automobile?

When the only thing the individual is sure of these days is that things will not always be as they are.

It is never fair to judge the character of a city by that of persons who register in the police court docket.

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## FIND BONES OF ANCIENT ANIMAL

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SYDNEY N. & W. March 31.

Bones of what scientists say is the earliest animal known, found recently 75 feet below the surface of the Darling Downs region of Queensland, have been assembled by the curator of the Queensland museum.

The animal has been described as being a type never discovered before.

The bones were found by workmen digging a well at Brigalow and were broken into stores of pieces before being brought to the surface. They were sent to the museum where the curator succeeded in reconstructing the skull.

It was found the skull is about two feet in length and about 20 inches in width. The newly discovered remains are those of an animal belonging to the group of fossil mammals known as Nototheriids.

Scientists believe that some 100 million years ago the Darling Downs was a swampy land, and the Darling Downs was a swampy land, and the Darling Downs was a swampy land.

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